1 2	3	4	5	6
4 Assam Agricultural Competa-tiveness Project	Assam	2004-05	154.0	12.5
5 Chhattisgarh District Rural Poverty Reduction Project	Chhattisgarh	2003-04	112.6	5.1
6 Gujarat Emergency Earthquake Reconstruction Project	Gujarat	2002-03	442.8	224.9
7 Karnataka Urban Water Sector Improvement Project	Karnataka	2004-05	39.5	*0
8 Karnataka Community-Based Tank Management Project	Karnataka	2002-03	98.9	15.1
9 Madhya Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Project	Madhya Pradesh	2004-05	394.0	22.0
10 Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation "Jalswarajya" Project	Maharashtra	2003-04	181.0	11.2
11 Mumbai Urban Transport Project	Maharashtra	2002-03	542.0	93.5
12 Orissa Socio-Economic Development Loan/Credit	Orissa	2004-05	125.0	127.1
13 Rajasthan Health Systems Development Project	Rajasthan	2003-04	89.0	4.0
14 Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project	Tamil Nadu	2004-05	110.8	7.5
15 Tamil Nadu Road Sector	Tamil Nadu	2003-04	348.0	27.6
16 Allahabad Bypass Project	Uttar Pradesh	2003-04	240.0	25.3
17 Uttar Pradesh State Roads Project	Uttar Pradesh	2002-03	488.0	69.8
18 Uttaranchal Decentralized Watershed Development Project	Uttaranchal	2004-05	69.6	4.0
	TOTAL :		3913.3	977.5

* The Project is yet to become effective.

Foreign debt

†4225. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of foreign debt is continuously increasing in the country for the last three years;

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(b) if so, the details of this amount in December 2002,2003 and 2004, separately;

(c) the amount in the form of interest paid by Government on the said amount of debt during 2002-2003,2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(d) the average rate of interest during each of above said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India's total external debt amounted to US $ 105,313 million at end-December 2002, US $ 112,801 million at end-December 2003 and US $ 120,897 million at end-December 2004. During the corresponding period, external debt on Government amounted to US $ 43,421 million US $ 42,567 million and US $ 43,896 million, respectively.

(c) and (d) The interest paid by the Government on 'external debt on Government account' amounted to US $ 904 million in 2002-03, US $ 674 million in 2003-04 and US $ 594 million (Quick estimate) during 2004-05. The ratio of interest payments to Government debt outstanding works out to an average interest rate of 2.19 per cent in 2002-03 and 1.64 per cent in 2003-04 and 1.37 per cent in 2004-05.

NPAs of banks

*4226. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of Non-Performing Assets in all the Public Sector and Private Sector banks in the country has gone down during the year 2003-04;

(b) if so, the details of the said amount and the percentage of this amount in comparison with the total loans provided by Banks; and

(c) the amount of loan provided by all banks during the year 2003-04 and the extent to which this amount was higher than the amount given as loans during the year 2002-03 indicating the average rate of interest on the loans provided during both of the said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

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